(c) As regards programme implementation of official language, the orders and instructions issued by Ministry of Home Affairs (Department of Official Language) are followed by Ministry of Railways, wherever applicable.

Proposals of sub-committee on bridges

2175. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the main proposals of the sub-committee on rebuilding of old railways bridges; and

(b) whether any of those proposals have been accepted by the Railways, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) The main recommendations of the Sub-Committee were regarding taking up of Rehabilitation of certain type of bridges like Cast Iron Pile, Early Steel etc. on programmed basis, to lay down schedule of Inspection of certain type of bridges like Early Steel, Distressed bridges etc, to lay down the definition and classification of distressed bridges.

(b) These recommendations were noted and accepted and rehabilitation of bridges was taken up as per availability of funds which has picked up after sanction of Special Railway Safety Fund (SRSF). The increased frequency of inspection of certain type of bridge e.g. Early Steel Bridge, Distressed Bridge etc. was laid down in 1989 and the categorization of Distressed bridges is being done as per recommendation of the Sub-Committee.

Train from Bhubaneswar to Bhopal

2176. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are aware that there is no direct train available from Bhubaneswar to Bhopal despite commissioning of Talcher-Sambalpur BG Link which has reduced the distance considerably;

(b) if so, whether Railways propose to extend Bilaspur Bhopal Express upto Bhubaneswar *via* Sambalpur and Talcher keeping in view the popular demand;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) At present, there is no proposal to extend Bilaspur-Bhopal Express upto Bhubaneswar.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Due to operational and resource constraints.

Safety related training

2177. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the action taken to upgrade safety related training facilities in Railways and implementation of anti-collision device on major Railway Zones for customer satisfaction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): All staff, including safety category staff, is properly trained before utilization of newly acquired technological aids is adopted. The Railways are in the continuous process of modifying and refreshing the training of Railway staff to update their knowledge and skill. A comprehensive training need analysis of all categories of staff is being done through series of meetings. Based on the analysis, training modules are revised to suit the training requirement of individual staff besides changes in technology, work practices and objectives of the job.

All Major training centres are being provided with funds under SRSF for providing training aids, models, teaching kits, etc.

In order to attract able and talented instructors, incentive in the form of Training Allowance' is granted and they are permitted to retain quarters at their previous place of posting for a period of two years.

A separate unit is being set up for training techniques and instrtuctional designs at Gwalior which will be entrusted the job of development of lesson plans, training modules, etc.

Provision of Anti Collision Device (ACD) on about 1800 Route Kilometers of Broad Gauge Section of Northeast Frontier Railway is in